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## OBITUARIES

### Walter Amory, 90

Walter Amory of Beaverbrook Lane died at Newfield House in Plymouth on Oct. 27. He was the husband of Shirley Gay Waterman for nearly 67 years. He was a Naval veteran of two wars, a sailor and lover of the sea. In 1973 he founded Amory Engineers and ran the practice in Duxbury until he retired at 86 in 2010. Throughout his life he was a contributing citizen and an ardent mentor of the young Walter Amory Jr. was born in Boston on Aug. 6, 1924, the son of Walter Amory and Elizabeth Cole Amory. His father had joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at 18, and was one of the first fighter pilots (a "Flyboy") in the British Royal Air Force.

He graduated from Groton School in 1942 and entered Harvard College with the class of 1946. Through Navy ROTC, he graduated in two and a half years and went on active duty. On his 21st birthday on Aug. 6, 1945, he was a navigator aboard the destroyer USS Swanson, headed for the expected assault on Japan, when word came of the bombing of Hiroshima.

On his release from active duty Mr. Amory returned to Harvard to get a master's degree in structural engineering. On Nov. 1, 1947, he was married to Shirley Gay Waterman. The couple moved to Wellesley, where they would live for 25 years and raise two daughters, Lucy and Susan, and two sons, David and William.

In 1951 Walter and Shirley's life was interrupted, when Mr. Amory was recalled for two years' duty in the Korean War aboard the USS Murray – a destroyer fitted for antisubmarine warfare. In 1955, his younger brother John C. Amory, an Air Force pilot, was lost at sea in a training flight.

In Wellesley, and as he later would in Duxbury, Mr. Amory threw himself into his community. He coached Little League, served on the PTA, was chairman of United Fund drive, was a town meeting member and a longtime commissioner of public works.

Introduction to Duxbury began in 1956 with a two-week August rental of the carriage house belonging to their good friends, Charles and Helen Wood. Like so many who loved Duxbury in the summer, the Amorys moved to Duxbury year-round, in 1973.

Since 1954, Mr. Amory had been a project engineer and vice president at Metcalf & Eddy in Boston. In 1973, he founded Amory Engineers in Duxbury. Over the next 37 years the firm worked all over New England with municipalities and private companies to create water treatment plants, repair dams, control storm water and erect storage tanks – receiving wide professional recognition. In Duxbury alone its clients included the Battelle Institute, Bayside Marine, the Duxbury Yacht Club and the Town of Duxbury.

Over the years Mr. Amory employed and mentored fifty Northeastern University co-op students, many of whose lives were changed forever by the experience. Among former Northeastern students are current principals Richard S. Johnson and Patrick Brennan.

Around Hall's Corner Mr. Amory was a tall, friendly presence, always impeccably dressed with a bow tie, firm handshake, soft voice and a twinkle in his eye. In 2011, the Duxbury Board of Selectmen publicly thanked him for his voluntary service on many town boards – in addition to Amory Engineers' excellent professional services.

Mr. Amory's volunteer commitments included the Duxbury Bay Maritime School, the Duxbury Beach Reservation, the Duxbury Ex-Navos, and the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts. As a trustee of the Beach Reservation he was instrumental in organizing repairs to the beach after the 1991 "No Name" storm. After his passing, Margaret Kearney, president of the Reservation, observed: "Walter was a true gentleman but with a steely determination to preserve the beach."

Mr. Amory was an "old salt", an avid sculler, a seasoned sailor and a trailblazer on crosscountry skis. To his family his coming in from the outdoors was comforting; once at home he would turn his steady hand to a passion for model-making – transforming pine boards into sleek hulls and the intricate rigging of tall ships. To his friends as he left this life, to know Walter Amory was their privilege.

Mr. Amory is survived by his wife Shirley W. Amory, of Duxbury. By his children: Daughters Lucy A. Bradley and her husband David H. "Chip" Bradley, of Weston; and Susan A. Barber, of Needham. His sons: David L. Amory and his wife Sukie S.T. Amory, of Duxbury; and William C. Amory, of Sarasota, Fla. By six grandchildren: Amory B. Barnes and her husband Elijah Barnes, of

Chevy Chase, Md.; Stephanie B. Ade and her husband Christopher Ade, of Chapel Hill, N.C.; William A. Barber, of Medford; Christopher H. Barber and his wife Heather Barber, of San Diego, Cal.; Linzee A. Feigenbaum and her husband Eric Feigenbaum, of Washington, D.C.; and John H. Amory, of Portland, Me. Also by his niece, Elizabeth Amory of Dover; and by four greatgrandchildren.

A family internment has been held. A memorial service to celebrate Walter's life will be held at St. John's Church in Duxbury on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at 11:00 in the morning.

Memorial donations may be made to the Duxbury Bay Maritime School, 457 Washington St., Duxbury MA 02332; to the Duxbury Beach Reservation, P.O. Box 2593, Duxbury MA 02331; or to the Harvard Class of 1946, 25 Meadow Way, Cambridge MA 02138.

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